

2nd Information Circular

MEPAG Meeting

September 10-11, 2003

RSVP needed: IMPORTANT: This meeting will be held inside the JPL security perimeter, so RSVPs are needed for all participants (see additional details below).

Primary Meeting Objectives:

1. Complete the process of updating the MEPAG Goals document. We will begin the process of defining the required detection limits, accuracy, and precision of the recommended measurements. The Goals document is MEPAG's most important product, and it is used regularly in planning the Mars exploration program—it is critical that we keep it up to date.
2. Understand HQ's current needs for program science analysis.
3. Plan the next round of MEPAG analysis activity.□

Dates: Sept. 10-11, 2003.□

Location: Von Karman Auditorium, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, 4800 Oak Grove Dr., Pasadena, CA 91109.

Parking: For those without a JPL parking permit, the guards at the gate will direct you to the visitor parking lot.

Visitor Control: If you have a NASA badge, you can go directly to the meeting hall. If not, you will need to register at Visitor Control, which is adjacent to the guard station, and which opens at 7 AM. Please come early, so we can get everybody processed. The information they need (in advance) is listed below. Current security policy is that anybody without a NASA badge will need to be escorted inside the JPL security perimeter, and we will have escorts meet you at Visitor Control.

Food: Breakfast service is available at very reasonable prices in the newly remodeled JPL cafeteria.

Draft Agenda:

DAY ONE (Sept. 10, 2003)

8:00	0:15	Welcome, Agenda for this meeting	B. Jakosky
8:15	0:10	MEPAG Organizational	D. Beaty
8:25	0:45	Mars Exploration Program Update	O. Figueroa
9:10	0:30	MEP Mission Status	F. Naderi
9:40	0:45	MEP Science Update, current challenges/requests	Jim Garvin
10:25	0:15	Break--morning, Day One	All
10:40	0:15	Scout Selections and update	J. Garvin
10:55	0:20	2007 Scout winner	TBD
11:15	0:45	MSL: Planning update	McCleese, Palluconi
12:00	1:00	Lunch--Day one	All
13:00	0:15	Mars Telecommunications Orbiter	Tom Komarek

Revision of the MEPAG Goals document

13:15	0:45	Introduction, status of process	Jeff Taylor
14:00	1:00	MEPAG Goals Breakouts	All
15:00	0:15	Break--afternoon Day One	
15:15	1:45	MEPAG Goals Breakouts (cont.)	All
17:00	0:20	Reconvene--Goals status check	All
18:00	TBD	Light refreshments	Terry Martin
		Telescopic viewing of Mars near opposition, from the reception	

DAY TWO (Sept. 11, 2003)

8:00	1:15	Report of the Goals committee, discussion	Jeff Taylor
9:15	0:10	Welcome from JPL Director	C. Elachi
9:25	0:15	MSPSG white paper	D. McCleese
9:40	0:15	Break--morning, Day Two	

Status Reports, Discussion

9:55	0:20	MEX: Update (incl. Beagle 2)	Chicarro
10:15		Future exploration plans, international	TBD
11:05	0:55	Science-related tours	

Preliminary tour options:

MER Operational Readiness testing, B-317	(Joy Crisp)
Rover Research, Mars Yard	(Rich Volpe)
Sample preparation/processing	(Greg Bearman)
Sample acquisition/Instrument placement	(Paul Backes)
Instrument development	(Paula Grunthaner)

12:00 1:00 Lunch--Day two

Next Steps

13:00	0:10	Schedule of coming events	D. Beaty
13:10	0:20	Introduction to future MEPAG activities	Jakosky
13:30	1:00	General Discussion	Jakosky
		Status and future of sample return	
		Bringing young people into the Mars program	
		Other	
14:30	0:20	Parking Lot, Action Planning	Jakosky
15:00		ADJOURN	

Posters: The MIDP-II PIs have been invited to place posters describing their work at the back of the meeting room. We encourage interaction with them during the breaks.

RSVP details: So that the basic meeting logistics can be planned properly (e.g. seating, enough coffee), we request that all participants RSVP by August 22 to Debbie.Calderon@jpl.nasa.gov (818-354-9470). If you do not have a NASA-issued security badge, please be sure to let us know that in your response, so that we can inform Security in advance. For people without a badge:

US citizens:

No advance information needed (other than that you are coming), however, you will need to bring a current driver's license or photo ID from a government agency or business/educational entity.

Foreign nationals: We will need by Aug. 22 the following:

Visitor's Name

Citizen of (Country)

Please also indicate U.S. Permanent Residency, if applicable

Affiliation and Job Title

Birthdate

Country of Passport Issuance

Passport Number

Passport Expiration Date

Visa Type (if required)

Visa Expiration Date

Air Travel: Pasadena is 31 miles from Los Angeles International Airport, and 14 miles from the regional Burbank airport. Burbank is smaller and is much easier to enter and leave, but it has much fewer flight selections.

Hotel: A block of rooms has been set aside at the government rate at the Sheraton Pasadena, 303 E. Cordova St., Pasadena (www.sheratonpasadena.com; 626-449-4000), which is close to JPL (5.2 miles) and Old Town Pasadena. The cutoff date is Aug. 27.

Directions: For computer driving directions, enter JPL at 4800 Oak Grove Dr., La Canada CA; the address is legally Pasadena but the maps don't compute this correctly. JPL is northwest of Pasadena, on the Oak Grove Dr. exit from the 210 Freeway.

Advance Planning for next MEPAG meeting

Tentative Date: Last half of June, 2004 (the date is being held open pending finalization of the due date for the responses to the MSL Announcement of Opportunity). This meeting will be very important, and we will be seeking a significant turnout.

Journalists: Journalists interested in MEPAG topics may arrange interviews with the group's senior representatives through the JPL Media Relations Office. □Contact Guy Webster, 818-354-6278.

Reports: Any MEPAG reports which can be made public will be posted on a public web site (which is presently under construction).

For more information, please contact Dr. Terry Martin, MEPAG meeting coordinator, Terry.Z.Martin@jpl.nasa.gov, phone = 818-354-2178, fax = 818-393-4619.